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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CLEMENCY FOR KOREANS ARRESTED UNDER EMERGENCY  
MEASURES

REF: SEOUL 6283

1. WHEN HABIB INFORMED AMBASSADOR HAHM YESTERDAY ABOUT  
PRESIDENT'S VISIT, HAHM STATED HE HAD WRITTEN TO  
PRESIDENT PARK EMPHASIZING CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IN THE US  
REGARDING KOREA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND RECOMMENDING THAT  
PRESIDENT PARK USE OCCASION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT AS  
OPPORTUNITY FOR LARGE-SCALE AMNESTY TO KOREANS WHO HAVE  
BEEN ARRESTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES. HAHM STATED THERE  
AMPLE PRECEDENT FOR THIS IN KOREAN TRADITION TO PROVIDE  
REMISSION OF PUNISHMENT UPON OCCASION OF AN IMPORTANT  
VISIT. HABIB COMMENDED HAHM'S INITIATIVE AND SUGGESTED  
RELEASE FROM JAIL PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES,  
SUCH AS BISHOP CHI, AND COMMUTATION OF ALL REPEAT ALL DEATH  
SENTENCES. HAHM REACTED MOST FAVORABLY.

2. WE NOTE THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD EARLIER HINTED AT  
POSSIBILITY OF CLEMENCY IN THIS CONNECTION AND WE HOPE  
EMBASSY WILL DISCREETLY ENCOURAGE THIS IDEA. KISSINGER

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